

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 122799B]****Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of reports; public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has begun its annual preseason management process for the 2000 ocean salmon fisheries. This document announces the availability of Council documents as well as the dates and locations of Council meetings and public hearings that comprise the Council's complete schedule of events for determining the annual proposed and final modifications to ocean salmon management measures. The agendas for the March and April Council meetings will be published in subsequent **Federal Register** documents prior to the actual meetings.

DATES: Written comments on the season options will be accepted until March 29, 2000, at 12:00 noon Pacific Time.

ADDRESSES: Documents will be available from and comments should be sent to Jim Lone, Chairman, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, Oregon, 97201; phone: 503-326-6831 or fax: 503-326-6831. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet. For specific meeting and hearing locations, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Coon, Salmon Management Coordinator, at 503-326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Schedule For Document Completion and Availability**

February 29, 2000: "Review of 1999 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and Preseason Report I-Stock Abundance Analysis for 2000 Ocean Salmon Fisheries" will be available to the public from the Council office.

March 21, 2000: "Preseason Report II" and public hearing schedule will be mailed to the public. The report will include options, rationale, and summary of biological and economic impacts.

April 14, 2000: Newsletter describing adopted ocean salmon fishing

management measures will be mailed to the public.

April 14, 2000: Salmon Technical Team (STT) will complete "Preseason Report III-Analysis of Council Adopted Regulatory Measures for 2000 Ocean Salmon Fisheries."

Dates, Times, and Location for Meetings and Hearings

January 18-21, 2000: STT will meet at the Council office in a public work session to draft "Review of 1999 Ocean Salmon Fisheries" and to consider any other estimation or methodology issues pertinent to the 2000 ocean salmon fisheries.

February 15-18, 2000: STT will meet at the Council office in a public work session to draft "Preseason Report I-Stock Abundance Analysis for 2000 Ocean Salmon Fisheries" and to consider any other estimation or methodology issues pertinent to the 2000 ocean salmon fisheries.

March 6-10, 2000: Council and advisory entities will meet at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, Sacramento, CA, to adopt 2000 management options for public review.

March 27-28, 2000: Public hearings will be held to receive comments on the proposed ocean salmon fishery management options adopted by the Council. All public hearings will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the dates and at the locations specified here.

March 27, 2000: Chateau Westport, 710 W Hancock, Westport, WA.

March 27, 2000: Pony Village Motor Lodge, Virginia Avenue, North Bend, OR.

March 27, 2000: Flamingo Resort Hotel and Conference Center, 2777 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA.

March 28, 2000: Shilo Inn, 2535 N. Main, Tillamook, OR.

March 28, 2000: Red Lion Hotel Eureka, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA.

April 3-7, 2000: Council and advisory entities will meet at the Doubletree Hotel - Columbia River, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR, to adopt 2000 management options for public review.

April 4, 2000: Testimony on the management options will be taken during the Council meeting at the Doubletree Hotel - Columbia River, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR.

May 1, 2000: Federal regulations will be implemented and "Preseason Report III" will be available for distribution to the public.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the STT meeting agendas may come before the STT for

discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STT action during these meetings. STT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and to any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the STT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at 503-326-352 (voice), or 503-326-6831 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. *et seq.*

Dated: January 5, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 111899D]****Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 522-1527-00)**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Randall S. Wells, Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236, has been issued a permit to take bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312)